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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tina Bodenstein, DOB 05/26/62, of Cross Plains, Wisconsin, was sentenced on April 18, 2006, by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 45 days in federal custody and two years of probation for delaying the United States mail. Bodenstein pleaded guilty to that offense on January 10, 2006.

Bodenstein was employed as a mail carrier in Middleton, Wisconsin, between 1992 and 2005. During her employment, Bodenstein stole items that had been entrusted to her for delivery. Specifically, in November 2004, the Postal Inspection Service received a complaint regarding the theft of a gift card and \$20 in cash from an envelope sent from Missouri to Middleton, Wisconsin. In the investigation following the complaint, Postal Inspectors were able to prove that Bodenstein had stolen the gift card.

The charge against Tina Bodenstein was the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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